Alleged CIA Agent Dies in 14-Story Fall

MUNICH, West Germany, Sept. 18 (AP)—Robert Wood, 41, of Baltimore, Md., a U.S. consular official who worked closely with West German law enforcement agencies, fell to his death yesterday from the 14th floor of a Munich apartment house, American officials said.

Wood apparently was alone in the apartment rented by an Italian friend who was not in Munich at the time. The key to the apartment was found clutched in Wood's hand. Police said they turned up no evidence to indicate Wood was pushed from the apartments' balcony.

Wood had lived in Munich with his family for several years. He leaves his wife, Ann, and three children.

Munich newspapers said Wood was a CIA agent engaled in counterespionage activities, but a spokesman for the U.S. Consulate said this was "speculation."

The spokesman said Wood was a civilian employee of the Defense Department and worked in the consular office, which maintained liaison with West German law enforcement agencies. He said he did know the details of Wood's activities.

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Man Who Died in Fall Said to Be CIA Agent

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BONN, Sept. 19—A 41-year old American who fell to his death from a 14th floor apartment in Munich yesterday was working for theCetral Itelligence Agency. according to informed sources.

Though officially listed as a civilian employee of the Department of Defense, the dead man, Robert Wood, was in fact working for theCIA at the time of his death and was assigned to the O fice of the Coordinator and Adviser at the U.S. Cosulate in Muncih, the sources said.

Wood, from Baltimore, apparently feel from the balcony of an apartment that was rented to another American known as Paul Alanto.

Alanto, the sources said. is acivilian employee of the U.S Army.

Married and thefather of three children, Wood lved in another part of Munich.

According to news service reports from Munich. West German police investigators said that Wood probably committed suicide. An autopsy reportedly showed that he died from the impact of the fall and was not drugged or attacked first.

The circumstances behindthe death remainsomewhat mysterious.

One source said Wood had appeared to be very depressed recently. Another suggested that CIA agents, because o the strains and secrecy to their lives. probably have a higher suicide rate than other occupations.

Reuter news agency reported from Munich that the front door of the apartment had been locked and that police found the key in the dead man's pocket, tending to the suicide theory. The manager of the building, however, was quted as saying that allresidents were provided withtwo keys so that another person could have locked the door.

Reuter also reported tha the telephone operator at the apartments said a man with a strong Slavic accent telephoed an hour before the fall and asked tospeak to Wood.Since his name was not on the resident list, she told the caller she did not know him.